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Honorable Greg Laughlin
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Dear Congressman Laughlin:

This is in reply to your letter of April 12, 1993, in which you inquired on

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Mr. Richard J. Shiben
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Dear Mr. Shiben:

I am forwarding a letter from yet another constituent regarding the proposal to change the 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by radio control model airplane enthusiasts.

Please include this letter in the record of the proceeding.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Greg Laughlin
Member of Congress

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February 22, 1993

The Honorable Greg Laughlin
312 S. Main
Victoria, TX 77901

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

I have a long-standing interest in radio-controlled model aircraft. However, it has only been in the last few years that I have had the leisure time and the money to begin to truly enjoy constructing and operating these model planes. As of this year I became an active member in a local club and have purchased the required narrow band radios.

I am very concerned about the above-captioned proposed rule changes. If this proposal is adopted, the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use will be greatly reduced, and the risk of accidents will be greatly increased.

Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band, which is used primarily for private land mobile dispatch operations. The frequencies in this band are far enough apart that we have been able to share the band without any interference from or to such operations. It is my understanding that, if this proposal passes, the 50 frequencies presently available for radio control of model airplanes would be reduced to only 19.

When flying our models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators, spectators and property. Many safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of the frequencies. If the number of frequencies is reduced, the remaining frequencies will become congested and safety will be greatly reduced.

You may not be aware that many model planes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. They are expensive to build but, more importantly, they can cause property damage, serious injury, and even death if radio interference causes loss of control of the craft. Since organized events often include hundreds of operators and several hundred spectators, including many small children, we need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe environment.

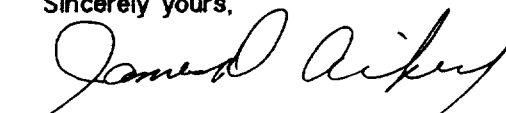
I feel it is unwise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC obviously does not feel we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment.

For instance, if this proposal passes, all my radios would be unusable at my club. All my equipment — building tools, building supplies, airplanes, support equipment, and radios — would be lost. I would be unable to recover any of my investment.

This hobby not only provides hundreds of hours of enjoyment to the builders/operators and bystanders, it contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please do not pass PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES D. AIKEY